

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Springfield School District No. 19 Budget Committee was held on March 17, 2022.

### **1. WELCOME**

Superintendent Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., stating this would be the third and last meeting of the Budget Committee prior to the next scheduled meeting.

#### **Attendance**

Board Members attending the meeting included Board Chair Naomi Raven, Jonathan Light, Kelly Mason and Todd Mann; Vice Chair Emilio Hernandez was excused due to illness.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Nancy Cameron, Ken Kohl, Steve Irvin, Whitney McKinley, Keina Wolf, Andrea Wallace, Judy Bowden, and Jeff Michna.

### **2. 2022-2023 BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND STRATEGY**

Mr. Yancy submitted a slide presentation stating there would be important information presented during the meeting including: budget projections, unique high revenues, challenges, need for stability, state school updates, and consistent enrollment decline. He further explained that with decline in enrollment and increase in revenue the rate per student rises.

Mr. Irvin questioned if Springfield enrollment decline was lower than the rest of the state to which Mr. Yancey replied the numbers would be comparable adding that the legislature might tighten the per student rate if they determine it to be too inflated, and Central Oregon numbers had not declined as much as the I-5 corridor. Mr. Yancey noted that 2021-22 staffing budget would be carried forward for future hiring.

Following group discussion it was determined that the Board would need more robust enrollment attraction programs.

### **3. STUDENT INVESTMENT ACT UPDATE**

Whitney McKinley presented the committee with a slide program titled, Student Success Act, stating they had listened to the community to invest in targeted areas that would:

- Meet a student's behavioral or mental health needs
- Increase academic achievement and opportunities for all students and reduce academic disparities for:
  - students of color
  - students with disabilities
  - emerging bilingual students
  - students navigating poverty, homelessness, foster care
  - other groups that had historically experienced academic disparities

Ms. McKinley proposed additional staffing of:

- certified – 47.5
- classified – 43.0
- Administrator – 7.0

She further indicated that areas and activities that would support the SIA plan would be:

- Enrichment/Extended Day Opportunities
- Safe Learning Environments
- Supplies and Materials
- Community Partnerships
- Early Learning Programs
- Equipment, Infrastructure, and Supplies at all Schools

#### **4. ESSER FUNDING REVIEW**

Mr. Yancey provided a slide presentation that reviewed ESSER guidelines, both ESSER II and ESSER III proposing the following supports:

- Curriculum/Textbook Purchase (including PD): \$7.2 million
- Technology Replenishment: \$4.5 million
- Well Rounded Education Investments: \$1.166 million

Additionally, Mr. Yancey proposed \$23.6 million be designated for HVAC systems (replacement/ventilation and controls only) for facilities throughout the district.

#### **5. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT ON BUDGET**

Mr. Light reported he felt the Board needed a closer relationship to home schooled families as well as providing practical classes (mental health, legal, cooking, computers) and eliminating fees for classes and/or supplies. Additionally, he noted the need to upgrade the Springfield High School campus to instill a pride of ownership. Mr. Mann agreed that classes such as budgeting and auto repair and other personal skills should be available. Discussion followed regarding the need for improvements/updates in some district buildings with Thurston High School requiring vast improvements or replacement at \$250 - \$300 million. In lieu of a bond measure Mr. Yancey stressed the possibility of rebuilding one section of the school at a time.

#### **6. QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS/REQUESTS**

Mr. Light queried the possibility of another meeting prior to the budget proposal to which Mr. Yancey said compiling the budget was too close to deadline to interject a meeting. Mr. Irvin added that the Budget Committee's role was to oversee the entire budget not line by line.

The next Budget Committee Meetings will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2022, Thursday, May 12, 2022, and Thursday, May 19, 2022 (if necessary).

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Superintendent Hamilton adjourned the Work Session at 7:51 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Marlene Hockema)*